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SUBJECT: Authorized Patient Care Areas

1. Explanation of Material Transmitted: This issuance provides guidance regarding areas in the Clinical Center where clinical patient care may be given. This policy was approved by the Medical Board at its meeting on 15 January 1991. The policy was reviewed by the Medical Executive Committee on 2 September 1997 and approved with changes.
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PURPOSE

To assure that patients at the Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center are cared for safely and that standards set forth by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and similar bodies are met or exceeded.

POLICY

Patients at the Clinical Center will receive medical treatment and/or undergo research-related clinical procedures only in authorized areas. The designation of such clinical treatment areas shall be made by the Director, Clinical Center.

CONSIDERATIONS

A prime requirement of the operation of the Clinical Center is that patients be given care as safely as possible. Safe patient care implies adequate support and design features to protect the patients during the course of treatment. Clinical care givers must assure that all such care is given in appropriate surroundings.

Areas where care may be given shall be authorized by the Director, Clinical Center. Such areas may include (but are not limited to) Patient Care Units, clinics, diagnostic areas, endoscopy suites, outpatient surgery, the MRI center, phlebotomy areas, and cardiac catheterization laboratories.

When an area used for patient care is closed for renovation or other reasons, it shall cease to be an authorized treatment area. Patients shall not be seen there until the area has been reauthorized for treatment by the Chief, Outpatient Department, according to the format established for such submissions. The Chief, Outpatient Department shall secure approvals from the Medical Record Department and the Director, Clinical Center prior to authorizing a request for designation of a patient care area. Such areas must not be used for those purposes without written authorization.